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Resending to CC AP's Michael Biesecker in Washington.

Can you please provide corresponding human risk and aquatic life risk criteria to correspond to the contaminants listed in sampling results? Also, can you please provide some characterization of dangers, or lack thereof posed by the levels indicated in the results?

Without those details it is difficult to interpret what the EPA is saying, and the information in raw form would appear to serve little purpose.

This is something that you should do on an ongoing basis.

The Associated Press also has a number of outstanding questions that have been pending forest of the week that have not been answered. Please provide answers to those questions in a timely manner.

Thanks for your time and help,
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U.S. EPA Statement on San Juan River Data from Gold King Mine Release

SHIPROCK, NEW MEXICO – Today, U.S. EPA released additional water quality data from Aug. 7 to Aug. 9, 2015, on the San Juan River between Farmington and Shiprock, New Mexico. The August 7 data was collected for baseline purposes to understand river conditions at the Hogback monitoring location, prior to the impact of the upstream contaminants from the Gold King Mine release

To assess the impacts of the release at the Gold King Mine, water quality samples were collected at four locations for 24 metals. Each surface water sample was analyzed for metals including arsenic, cadmium, lead and mercury.

Due to the highly variable conditions typical of this segment of the river, additional testing will be conducted, and we continue to work closely with the Navajo Nation EPA on assessing drinking water, agriculture, livestock, and other critical water needs.

More information here:

<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/gold-king-mine-data-august-15-2015>

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